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A Bulletin For And By George Brown Employees



Susan Rudin, co-ordinator of George Brown's Dental Hygiene program, works out on a treadmill under the watchful eye of Fitness and Lifestyle Management student Jeffrey Foxton in the College's Employee Fitness Centre. Rudin has been a member for the past two years. "I try to get here two or three times a week," she says.

## Get fit for summer at George Brown!

All College staff are invited to join the George Brown Employee Fitness Centre. The Centre, which is open year-round, offers nutritional analysis; fitness classes that can be individualized to your needs; 35 personal trainers; seminars and workshops (on subjects like how to relieve stress); and fitness assessments.

The Centre offers basic fitness screening once you have joined. According to fitness instructor Mark Mancino, "We provide voluntary fitness assessments that allow you to determine your goals and needs. We have a number of treadmills, and also rowing, lifecycle and stairclimber machines. As well, we have an elliptical cross-trainer, free weights, a universal weight unit, abdominal boards and thera balls."

"All of the Centre's fitness instructors—final-year students in the fitness and lifestyle management program—are either certified personal trainers or are in the process of being certified," according to Mancino. "And we have fitness classes every day, Monday to Friday, at convenient lunch-time hours," he adds.

To take a tour, just drop by Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Avenue, Room C109. The hours are: Monday–Thursday, 6:30–8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and 4–6 p.m.; Fridays 6:30–8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Fees are very reasonable: \$50 for one semester, or \$100 for September–July—which includes having your own personal trainer.

For more information, call the Centre's Co-ordinator, Debbie Bonfield at 646-6494, or ext. 2900, 6342.

## Facilitator training to be expanded

Susan Heximer, Co-ordinator of the College's Redirection Through Education (RTE) program and Chair of the Implementation Committee is satisfied with what the Committee has accomplished to date. But she feels there is more to be done so the George Brown community knows what is happening with the Change Project. "And there's also a need for broader participation in the activities that have come out of the Action Plan," she reports.

The Facilitator Training program, designed to prepare staff to be facilitators at task force meetings associated with the Action plan, had its initial session over two days this past February. But Heximer is quick to point out that, "The program is not just

about the Change Project, it's about working together."

A second session is being planned and all staff are welcome to join up. "It will be similar to a mentoring process, where staff who were trained at the first session will assist with training new staff in the program," says Heximer.

Twelve staff volunteers representing faculty, support and administration attended the February training program, which was a hands-on skills practice session. "Everyone looked at situations and modes of behaviour from a different perspective," says Heximer. "Most of all," she adds, "... it was lots of fun to share our

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**BRAND CONSCIOUSNESS—**Globe and Mail columnist Naomi Klein tells George Brown staff and students that global brands, such as Nike, Starbucks and Gap, are becoming an important sense of identification for people in western society, displacing nationalism and religion. Klein, author of the recently published critique of branding, *No Logo*, was a presenter at the College's Labour Fair (see story on page 3).

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Come join the Creative Fashion Design and Technology program celebrate its talented students! All staff and students are welcome!

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Location: The Docks Night Club  
11 Polson Street.

Time: Show runs from 7-8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.

This is a licensed event.

For more information/to order tickets, call Debbie Fulford at ext. 4840. Or drop by her office—Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Avenue, Room C442.

## Students can now pay fees by installments

**G**eorge Brown is joining most other Ontario colleges in offering full-time students the option to pay their annual fees in two installments rather than a lump sum.

Students starting programs in September 2000 can choose to pay \$45 and split their fee for a year of college—which is usually less than \$3,000 but can go up to about \$6,000 depending on the program they choose. They will pay about 60 per cent of their total fees this summer and the remainder by the end of December, according to accounts receivable manager Christina Grossi.

"For example, if the total fees are \$2,000, a student would pay something like \$1,200 in their first installment," she says.

The change in fee billing, which is similar to a semester-by-semester system the College had in place several years ago, won't affect students at George Brown who have applied for student loans. Students who apply for a loan under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) pay a \$145 fee that allows them to defer fee payments until OSAP staff make a decision about their application. If they are granted a loan their fees are sent directly to the College.

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views and realize how many commonalities we have."

Co-facilitated by Susan Heximer and Kathleen Howard, President of Kathleen Howard & Associates, from the staff 'Building our Future' forum, all participants of the training program used a workbook and dealt with real-life examples (i.e. Action Plan items) during the session—a realistic way for them to see exactly how their actions would be affecting the College community.

Heximer reports that some members of the Implementation Committee, which is made up of 16 staff from across the College, were also participants at the training session. The Committee, which was chosen in December 1999, has been meeting regularly for the past three months.

A series of presenters have kept the Committee up-to-date on what's new with the Change Project, including Ian Barnett, who spoke about the new

computer lab at Nightingale Campus, set for roll-out this summer, and the 'Staff Pipeline' project to begin this May, which will increase staff access to computers.

"To make our communications more effective, the Committee is looking at a number of approaches, says Heximer. "We are already using vehicles such as *City College News* and the weekly e-mail Change Project bulletins. But aside from receiving information, becoming active can help bolster everyone's attitude about the Change Project."

Heximer looks forward to seeing a lot of staff at the April 27 SuperCelebration: "It's going to be a party, not a facilitated event—people won't be confined to tables. And it will help all staff enter into the spirit of our Change Project."

For more information about the Implementation Committee and the Facilitator Training Program, call Susan Heximer at ext. 2328.

## You have a voice in City College News! Your comments are welcomed

*City College News* will publish letters submitted by George Brown staff and students. The submissions should be relatively brief (maximum 200 words) and should concern topics of widespread interest to the College community. Submissions may be edited for length, style and grammar. *City College News* reserves the right to choose the submissions it publishes. Submissions should be sent by e-mail to [nmcgill@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:nmcgill@gbrownc.on.ca). Otherwise they can be faxed to (416) 415-2303 or delivered to the Communications and Marketing Department in Room 542E, 200 King St. E. (St. James Campus).

## Students learn about globalization at Labour Fair

The theme of this year's Labour Fair, held from March 20-24, was globalization—to show students that social and political agendas are worldwide and include such issues as poverty in less-fortunate nations and the equitable distribution of the world's resources.

"Our purpose at every Fair," says Maureen Hynes, Co-ordinator of the College's School of Labour as well as the 2000 Labour Fair, "...is not only to educate the students about issues, but also to let them get in contact with union bosses who represent jobs in their particular fields of study. These union reps can give the students specific anecdotes about on-the-job problems that they've helped employees solve. The Fair is a touchstone for the link there needs to be between youth and the labour market."

This year marked the eighth year of the Fair and also had the highest-ever number of participants, including Canadian civil rights pioneer Mr. Stanley Grizzle; Toronto journalist and author Naomi Klein; Winnie Ng, who is a director in the Canadian Labour Congress; and Paul Clifford, the President of the Hotel Employees Restaurant Employees union, to name a few.

All staff and students were invited to attend all events, many of which were presentations held in classrooms at all three campuses. Presentation topics included: "Globalization: How it Affects You, Me and the Rest of the World"; "Unions and Childcare"; "Health Crisis in Ontario"; "Aboriginal Issues and Globalization"; "Union Issues in Toronto Hotels"; and "Technological Change."

"About 25 per cent of last year's participants returned this year," says Hynes.

Also featured were a theatrical performance, "I AM MAI"—which was very well attended; a photo exhibit; singers; comics; video screenings; and a game show with prizes held at the launch ceremony, called "So You Want to be an Employee?"

The George Brown Labour Fair has grown to its present 5-day format from a 2-day, 1-campus event only two years ago. "It started out as a union fair with a series of table displays, just like those at Ryerson, Centennial and Humber," reports Hynes. "Then at a Toronto and York Labour Council meeting it was decided to expand what we were offering to students, as well as staff."

Maureen Hynes would like to thank the following members of the George Brown community for their help in making this year's Fair run so smoothly: Faculty members who enabled speakers to come into their classrooms, the Student Association, Faculty of Business and Creative Arts, Faculty of Technology, Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences, Office of the President, Office of Human Rights, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 556, and OPSEU Local 557. Thanks also to the members of the College's Labour Fair Committee and the Student Association Women's Centres.

"It's important to get input from everyone, so we can make the best use of the time we have each year," adds Hynes.

For more information about the Fair or to become a member of George Brown's Labour Fair Committee, call Maureen Hynes at ext. 2549.

## SuperCelebration!

### What is SuperCelebration?

A reception for all College staff with live music, delicious hors-d'oeuvres, prizes, a cash bar (all staff will get two complimentary drink tickets at the door), and much more!

Come and help celebrate the SuperBuild project, the Change Project and the conclusion of our 33rd academic year.



### When and where is SuperCelebration?

Thursday, April 27—3-6 p.m.

Hummingbird Centre, 1 Front Street East (at Yonge Street), Lower lobby

Look out for your hand-delivered invitation and RSVP to the President's Office by Monday, April 17 at 5 p.m. For more information, call 415-2900, ext. 3301 and leave a message.

## news in brief

### Ontario Government: Tuition to increase by 2% for next five years

This increase is down sharply from previous years when tuition had increased as much as 10 per cent—a policy decision to shift a larger proportion of the costs of a college education from tax payers as a whole to individual students. The new limit will stabilize a student's share of the cost of education at about 35 per cent and allow students and their families to plan better for college fee payments, the Ontario government says. The new policy, which comes into effect for fall 2000, will increase the average Ontario college program tuition by \$34 to \$1,718 a year. George Brown's Board of Governors will review fee changes for fall 2000 programs at their April 12 meeting.

### Casa Loma alert: Bridgman Avenue to be closed for April and May

Bridgman Avenue, which forms the southern boundary of Casa Loma Campus, will be closed for April and May for construction of a new water main. The city will maintain public access to the parking lot on the south side of Bridgman, where many students and staff park.

### Students elect new executives

College students have elected Drew Sauveteur from Casa Loma as president of the George Brown Student Association. They also voted for Udana Muldoon as St. James vice-president, Daniel Bell as Casa Loma vice-president, Janet Hackett as Nightingale vice-president, and Jodi Shannahan as education vice-president.



# college calendar

## APRIL

### 'Vignette' George Brown Jewellery Arts Exhibition:

Showcasing selected works by the 2000 graduating class of the jewellery arts program. Items include rings, pins, earrings and surprise items—made from multi-coloured gold and silver, including precious stones. Some items can be purchased on site. Held at Harbourfront Centre—Uncommon Objects, South Breezeway, 235 Queen's Quay West. Exhibit closes April 26. For more information, call Carl Torode at ext. 4462.

### 11—July 27—Spring/Summer 2000 Computer Training:

Courses include: "Computer Literacy & Windows '95—Primer"; "Upgrading to Windows '95"; "Introduction to Office '97"; "Using Netscape"; "E-mail and the Internet—Introduction"; "Microsoft Word '97—Introduction"; "Microsoft Word for Windows—Intermediate"; "Microsoft PowerPoint"; "Microsoft Excel—Introduction"; "Microsoft Excel—Intermediate"; "Microsoft Access—Introduction"; "Microsoft Outlook"; "Banner GUI (Windows) Query." Register early to avoid disappointment. For course information, call Marg Whittleton at ext. 4663. For registration form, call Linda Purser at ext. 4661.

**12—Board of Governors meeting:** To be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism, 300 Adelaide St. East, Room 310. All staff and students are welcome to attend. For more information, call Jacqueline MacNeil at ext. 4472.

**—School of Business annual student awards ceremony:** To be held from 5–7 p.m. at Siegfried's Dining Room, Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism, 300 Adelaide St. E. For information call Leo Suokas at ext. 2010.

**13—College Council meeting:** To be held at 8:45 a.m. at the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism, 300 Adelaide St. East, Room 310. All staff and students are welcome to attend. For more information, call Stephen Burr at ext. 2231.

**—Graphic Design awards show and celebration:** Honouring top students in graphic design (first-, second-, and third-year), including faculty choice and professional choice awards. To be held at "The Church," 315 Queen St. East (at Berkeley St.) from 6 p.m.–2 a.m. Buffet dinner and live entertainment; tickets are \$30. All staff and students are welcome to attend. For more information/to order tickets, call David Steele at ext. 2136.

### 14—Inspirational Leadership seminar hosted by Lance

Secretan: Secretan is the founder of Manpower Ltd. and a leading authority on leadership. To be held at Georgian College's Barrie campus. \$150 registration fee includes lunch, parking, workshops and plenary sessions. For more information/to register, call Linda Purser at ext. 4661, or e-mail at lpurser@gbrownc.on.ca.

**26—Deadline to register for professional development seminars:** Seminar topics: "The Right Start to College," May 1; "Enhancing Course Delivery with WebCT," May 2; "Putting Course

Material Online with Blackboard," May 2; "Rights and Wrongs: Employment Standards your Students Should Know," May 3; "Higher Learning Information Session," May 3; "Time Leadership," May 4; "Downsize your Stress, Not your Life," May 4; "Writing that Gets Results, Part 1," May 5; "Writing that Gets Results, Part 2," May 5. All members of the George Brown community are welcome to attend. For more information/to register, call Linda Purser at ext. 4661.

**—Open House for Office Workers Career Centre:** Formerly called the Clerical Workers Centre (a Community Services project of George Brown College) the Office Workers Career Centre welcomes all staff to the official launch of their new name. Featured will be their new on-line discussion group for office workers, as well as the exciting research results on the impact of e-commerce. To be held at 365 Bloor St. East, Suite 1802, from 4–6 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, call ext. 4610.

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